



BOARD MINUTES
June 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:43p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, by Alfonso Morales. In attendance were President – Alfonso Morales, Vice President – Maria G. Lopez, Clerk – Erik Linstead, Member – Brad Cihfield, Member- Dr. Sue ElHessen and CalAPS CEO Lisa Azevedo. The meeting was called to order in Building A of the Bellflower Unified School District - 16703 South Clark Ave, Bellflower California 90706.

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE.

FLAG SALUTE – NONE.

Roll Call – Alfonso Morales, Maria G. Lopez, Erik Linstead, Dr. Sue ElHessen and Brad Cihfield were present along with CalAPS CEO, Lisa Azevedo.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – None.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – CalAPS CEO, Lisa Azevedo shared that there is a proposed Senate Bill, Senate Bill 88 (Skinner) Pupil transportation: Driver Requirements; that would enact various new requirements for school district employees as well as companies that the schools contracts with to provide transportation services. This bill requires anyone transporting students regardless of the type of vehicle being used, to meet commercial bus driver training requirements. This will create an issue with companies that already struggle with having enough drivers to meet school needs. Mrs. Azevedo wanted the CalAPS Board Members to be aware of the Bill in case they were able to speak to it with representatives that they may meet. Maria Lopez expressed concern regarding the bill and added that it will not be cost effective for our program. Mrs. Azevedo shared that CalAPS and many other ROP/JPA programs in California have written a letter in opposition of SB88 via a letter that has been sent out to Honorable Anthony J. Portantino in Sacramento.

Mrs. Azevedo also shared that she received the fiscal second interim from LACOE. The report letter was dated May 10, 2023. The letter contained a few inaccurate details. Mrs. Azevedo shared what the discrepancies were and shared that she scheduled a meeting with LACOE to clarify information. CalAPS's account manager and fiscal specialist attended the meeting at LACOE with Mrs. Azevedo. They met with Octavio Castelo and Jennifer Kirk. During the meeting, Mrs. Azevedo expressed her concern with the timeline and lack of response/notification of concern/question from LACOE. LACOE apologized for the misunderstanding and the inaccurate information stated on the letter. LACOE questioned the financial systems used by CalAPS and made comment to the use of BUSD's accounting system. Mrs. Azevedo stated more than once, that CalAPS is independent and does not use BUSD's accounting. Mrs. Azevedo clarified that CalAPS uses QuickBooks and F&M Bank. Octavio and Jennifer thanked the team for clarification.

Dr. Sue ElHessen asked if Jennifer and Octavio had reviewed the history of CalAPS during the meeting. Mrs. Azevedo explained that she began the discussion by reviewing the ROP/CalAPS history with them. Maria and Alfonso suggested requesting something in writing, from LACOE, so that we have tangible proof of the meeting and clarification. Mrs. Azevedo stated that she would write a summary of the meeting via email and ask them to acknowledge the outcome of this meeting. Maria asked if there would be an

updated document provided with the new clarified information. Mrs. Azevedo shared that the interim letter did not state any issues of concern. They made note of three areas but that they were in agreement with our positive certification so an updated letter was not necessary. Mr. Morales agreed with Mrs. Azevedo.

Brad asked what the meeting tone/experience was like. Mrs. Azevedo shared that the body language LACOE representatives had when they realized CalAPS was separate from BUSD was slight shock and then understanding. They appeared to have a clear picture of CalAPS being a separate entity.

Mrs. Azevedo introduced Arlene Whitney to the Board. Arlene would be joining the CalAPS team as the new Executive Director. Ms. Lopes, as well as the other members of the board welcomed her to the team!

PUBLIC HEARING'S – NONE.

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – Correction on item 212 – Melissa Camarena's rate should be \$25.09

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2023 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4 (Lopez, Linstead, Carihfield, Morales)

No: 0

Abstain: 1 (Dr. ElHessen)

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda – The Board Approves the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 5 (Linstead, Lopez, ElHessen, Carihfield, Morales,)

No: 0

The motion carried.

Withheld for Discussion and Action – None.

NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE.

INFORMATION ITEMS NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – Began at 6:05pm

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:25 pm

The June 6, 2023 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:25 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 3, at 5:30pm.